# Diabetes Screening during Pregnancy



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## Objectives

- Describe the referral process for the patient with GDM at the Phoenix Indian Medical Center
- Describe the communication process between the patient and the diabetes treatment team
- Describe the system's protocols in identifying GDM in the pregnant woman and the management of the GDM caseload



### Predisposing Risk Factors:

- History of adverse pregnancy outcome usually associated with DM—(unexplained prior stillbirth or anomalies, >3 SABs)
- M History of shoulder dystocia
- Marked obesity (BMI>30)
- Diabetes in 1<sup>st</sup> degree relative
- Previous baby > 9 lbs
- Previous GDM
- Greater than 2 yeast infections in past year
- **Glucosuria**





## Early Diabetes Screening at the Initial Visit

- Patients with no risk factors—screen @ 24-28 weeks
- Patients with any predisposing factors are screened at their first visit with the 1° glucola. (50 grams)
- 1° result should be < 140 mg/dl—rescreen at 24-28 weeks
- If 140-199 mg/dl, then patient will receive 3° glucola (100 grams)
- If 200 mg/dl or >, consult with OB on call.



## Diabetes Screening in Pregnancy, cont.

- - № 1° < 190 mg/dl

  - 3° < 145 mg/dl
  - If two elevations, diagnosis of GDM is made.



#### Education and Referral Process

- Mark Patient Information Handout is given.
- Diabetes Educator is notified.
- Registered Dietician is notified.
- Patient is seen weekly until good control is determined.





#### **Definitions**

- M Good Control

  - 1° hour postprandial <130</p>

- **M** Fair Control
  - Few elevations
  - Patient can relate elevations to high intake
  - M None >180

- Poor Control
- Admits to not following diet
  - Not doing accuchecks most of time
  - Does not bring machine or records to clinic repeatedly
  - Follows diet, does accuchecks, still having many elevations





#### DM Educator Role

- Referral is received via:
  - **M** Phone
  - M On-Call Pager
  - **Email**
  - **OB** High Risk Rounds
- Once referral is received, RD services are also contacted & appointments are scheduled with patient



## Meeting With The Patient

- Explain GDM to patient
- Rationale for good blood glucose control during pregnancy
- Provide meter with instruction on use and require return demonstration
- Discuss importance of follow-up postpartum with 2 hr gtt
- Discuss benefits of breastfeeding for newborn



### Follow-Up

- Follow-up is made in 1-2 weeks or prn individual patient needs, then monthly
- M After delivery
  - Provide information sheet re: F/U for GDM
  - Send letters & make phone calls to get f/u with DM educator and 2 hr gtt
  - Encourage F/U with RD
  - Encourage Diabetes Prevention Class
  - If diagnosis of DM is made, then refer to PCP and continue DM education



## Long-Term Follow-Up

#### **M** Goal

- 2 hour gtt postpartum, if normal then
  - Annual blood sugar testing performed at annual pap smear visit

and

Follow-up for signs/symptoms of DM

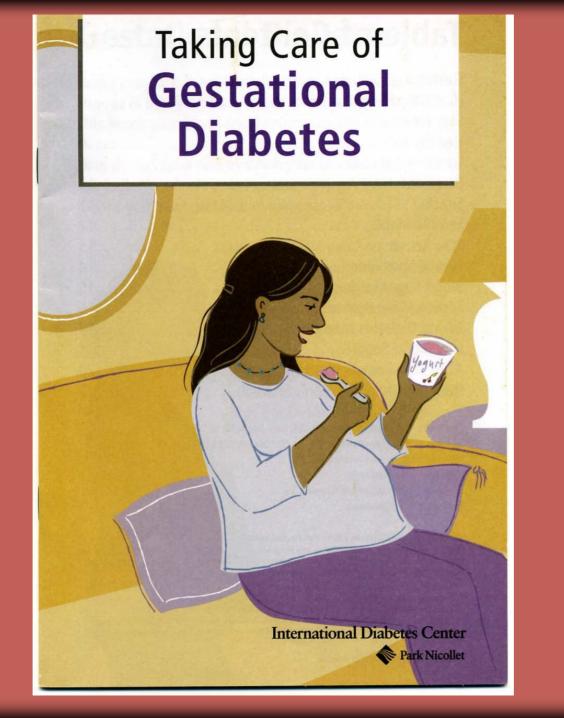
- If the diagnosis of DM is made
  - Referrals are made to PCP, RD, & DM educator for necessary follow-up

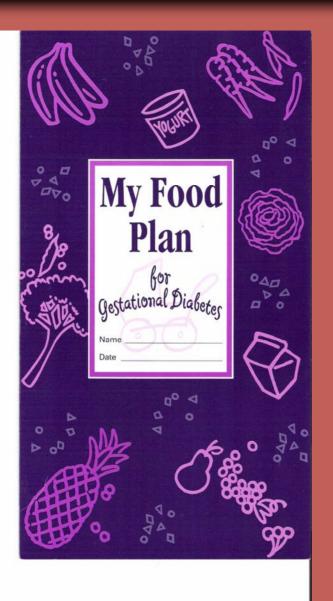


### RD Role

- Referral received via:
  - **M** Phone
  - **Walk-in**
  - Pager
  - M High risk OB rounds
  - Nutrition counseling/education and follow-up appointment
  - Participate in monthly GDM workgroup meetings







## Ordering Patient Education Materials for GDM

Park Nicollet Institute
1-888-825-6315



## Benefits of Diabetes Education And Nutrition Counseling

- Have a healthy baby
- Avoid gaining too much weight
- Avoid Complications during your delivery
- Blood sugar control
- Protect you & your child's future
- Possibly prevent diabetes in the next generation

It is important that you see both the Diabetes Educator (DCOE) and the Nutritionist. Congratulations



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